

event, Sam said he got a lecture like he never heard before from the school principal. One of the things that had to happen is that I had to call the school principal. So I called Gaylord Nelson, school principal, or Dr. Moller, Dr. Moller, the school principal, who said to me that Sam was a good student, that Sam simply had to control his scatological impulses and the like, and I said to him, I said, well, Dr. Moller, what did you say to Sam? He said, well, I told him the old verities about responsibility and accountability and the like, and I appreciated that as a father. That was a principal dealing with a teenage situation in a way that is far more meaningful than taking that teenager and suspending him from school or expelling him from school. That represents education at its finest, taking a young man and telling the young man that there are some things you simply don't do but we understand our tendency to do those things. So you are not going to be punished. You simply are going to be embarrassed and humiliated for a little bit of time and, you know, Sam never did it again. Well, everyone of us likes to have that kind of grace built into a system. We all know what it means to have someone who is stern, who is strong, and yet in the last analysis will bend, will yield, because that person once walked in our shoes. That person once knew what it was like to be a boy or a girl getting into mischief or acting out and that person knows that the real purpose, the real method of educating is not just to come down heavy handedly...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...but to show what is meant by mercy, by grace, by understanding. If we permit our school boards to have mandatory practices, we remove that educational factor from the system. We do not remove from our school boards the opportunity to expel. We do not remove the opportunity to mandatorily reassign or to long term suspend but we do remove from them the opportunity to do things on a cut and dried nonsync, nonhumane mandatory basis. It is for that reason that I would ask the bill be returned for the adoption of the amendment I have just described.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the house is for the adoption of the Johnson amendment. All those in favor vote...to return to Select File for the amendment. All those in favor of returning the bill to Select File for the amendment vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to return LB 209 to Select File for specific amendment. Have you all voted? Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, I believe we are under Call because we are on Final Reading and I know a lot of folk have drifted